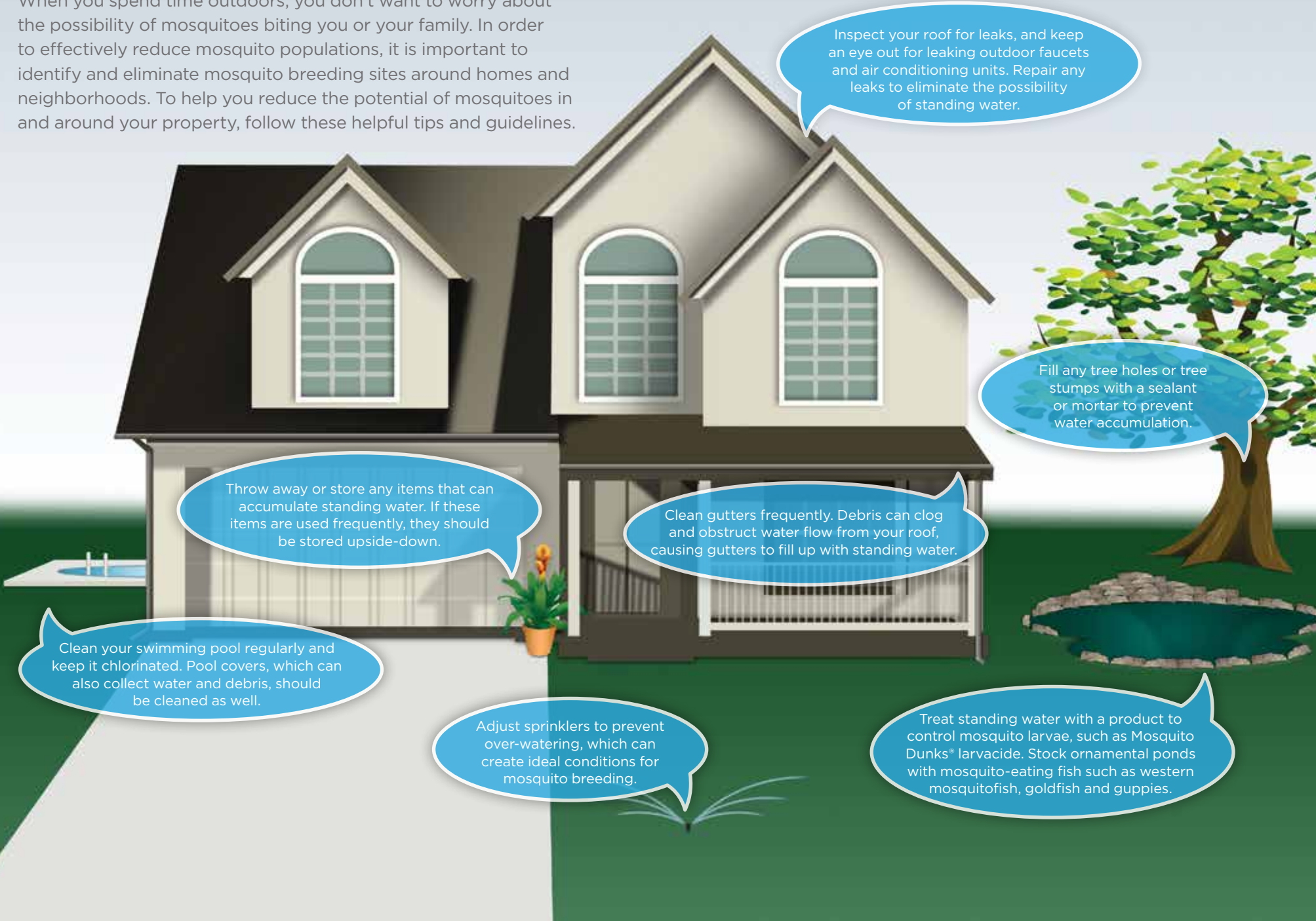


# YOU CAN HELP CONTROL MOSQUITOES IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.

When you spend time outdoors, you don't want to worry about the possibility of mosquitoes biting you or your family. In order to effectively reduce mosquito populations, it is important to identify and eliminate mosquito breeding sites around homes and neighborhoods. To help you reduce the potential of mosquitoes in and around your property, follow these helpful tips and guidelines.



Inspect your roof for leaks, and keep an eye out for leaking outdoor faucets and air conditioning units. Repair any leaks to eliminate the possibility of standing water.

Fill any tree holes or tree stumps with a sealant or mortar to prevent water accumulation.

Throw away or store any items that can accumulate standing water. If these items are used frequently, they should be stored upside-down.

Clean gutters frequently. Debris can clog and obstruct water flow from your roof, causing gutters to fill up with standing water.

Clean your swimming pool regularly and keep it chlorinated. Pool covers, which can also collect water and debris, should be cleaned as well.

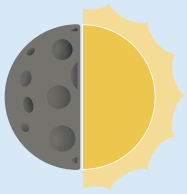
Adjust sprinklers to prevent over-watering, which can create ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.

Treat standing water with a product to control mosquito larvae, such as Mosquito Dunks® larvacide. Stock ornamental ponds with mosquito-eating fish such as western mosquitofish, goldfish and guppies.

## Reduce mosquito breeding sites<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ Change the water in bird baths and wading pools at least once a week.
- ▶ Aerate ornamental ponds or pools to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in still water.
- ▶ Identify drainage ditches or swampy areas that can be filled, drained or treated with a larvicide.

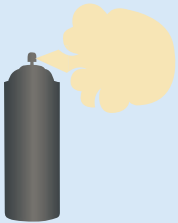
## Reduce the chances of being bitten



Be aware of the peak hours for mosquito activity (at dawn and dusk) and educate your family on using extra protection during those hours.



Wear clothing that covers your body, including long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks.



Apply a repellent that contains an EPA-registered active ingredient like DEET or picaridin; be sure to follow all label directions. For children, use repellents that have no more than 10 percent DEET.<sup>2</sup>



Close windows, doors and screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.



Keep your lawn and property maintained. Mosquitoes like to rest in weeds, brush and other overgrown areas that collect water.

<sup>1</sup> Potter, F.M., Lee Townsend and F.W. Knapp. Mosquitoes: Practical Advice for Homeowners. University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. July 2003. Web. January 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Department of Health. Fight the Bite Ohio! Prevent Mosquito-Borne Diseases. 2007. PDF File.